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East Meets West In Ryukyus

Stamp For Schools' Elevation In Status

A special 10c stamp was issued December 31 to commemorate the Institution of Pirivena Universities in Ceylon. It will remain on sale until May 31, 1960, or until stocks are exhausted, whichever is the earlier. During this period the sale of the corresponding denomination in the current series of stamps will be suspended.



The stamp depicts the universities of Vidyodaya Pirivena on the left and Vidyalankara Pirivena on the right. Vignettes of their founders—Ven. Hikkaduwe Sri Sumangala Nayaka Thero and Ven. Ratmalane Sri Dharmaloka Nayaka Thero—are inset above each building. University status was conferred on these two institutions January 1, according to the Crown Agents Representative, Washington, D. C.

Nan Kashu Japanese Chapter Active Again

After a dormant period covering the past two years, the Nan Kashu Chapter of the Japanese-American Philatelic Society has resumed activity, according to secretary Rosalie Garlock. The group is the Southern California branch of the parent organization.

Sune Johnson and Dr. Donald Polhemus are the new president and vice president, respectively. Meetings are held at 2:30 p.m. the fourth Sunday of each month at the homes of various members.

Miss Garlock, 2017 W. Cleveland Ave., Montebello, Calif. will supply further details on request.

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An Outline Of First Ryukyuan Provisional Regulars; FDC's Given No Extra Considerations

When the Government of the Ryukyu Islands issued the order for new postage stamps in U.S. currency, in September 1958 the Stamp Advisory Committee of the Postal Administration decided that a simple design would best suit the situation. Artists Adaniya and Isagawa, two members of the committee, were commissioned to design the new set. They decided on a stylized design depicting a dollar sign over the yen sign with the value superimposed and Ryukyu Yubin across the lower right.

The Asahido Printing Works won the contract for printing the whole issue. Printing plates were made by the Koshun Printing Shop from photographs of the designs prepared by the "Okinawa Times" press. Two plates were made for each value from 1/2c to 10c and one each for the three higher denominations.

The original \$1 plate was never

used and another was made for printing this value. The original run of 4c stamps was completely burned and a new batch printed up. The two plates each were used in printing the 1/2, 2, 3, 5 and 10c values.

All values were issued without gum. Colors vary widely and their relative scarcity is as yet unknown.

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Commander Perry arrived there in 1853 and concluded a treaty with the Kingdom in 1854. In the course of Japan's rise to power, that nation took over the government of the islands and made Okinawa a prefecture of the Japanese Empire in 1879.

As a result of World War II, the United States took possession of the islands in 1945. With the cessation of hostilities, independent U. S. civil governments were set up in the four main island groups of Amami-Oshima, Okinawa, Miyako, and Yaeyama. Each had its own postal system.

Mail service was limited to within the four groups and Japan. Each of these postoffices made its stamps by overprinting Japanese stamps and postal stationery with small hand-stamps. They also printed postal stationery locally.

Okinawa led the others in postal matters. It was the first to print stamps (in 1948) and initiated international airmail service the same year. For U. S. personnel, APO's came ashore with the landing forces and continue to operate to this day.

The return to normalcy called for a unification of the administration of the Ryukyu Islands. This was begun in 1950 with the organization of a provisional government of the Ryukyus and a unification of the postal facilities of the four island groups into a single system with one set of rates and postal adhesives.

This was marked by the issuance of a regular set of stamps in 1950 as well as the Crown postal stationery. This action also brought Ryukyu issues into the Universal Postal Union through U. S. membership in this organization. This was under the same section of the law which permits the use of Canal Zone, Puerto Rico and Guam stamps.

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During all this time (1945-1958), the sole legal tender throughout the islands was military script for U. S. personnel and U. S. Military B-yen for the Ryukyuans. The rate was stabilized at 120 yen to \$1 with the formal organization of the Government of the Ryukyu Islands.

This is an all-Ryukyuan government functioning alongside the U. S. Civil Administration of the Ryukyu Islands. It is given broad powers, but with the final decisions still in the hands of U. S. authorities.

A postal advisor in USCAR overseas all postal operations including the fixing of rates and the issuance of stamps. The Northwest Airlines, Japan Air Lines and the Ryukyu Air Lines have been authorized to carry mail. APO mail is carried by the armed services and is treated as domestic mail.

In April 1958, U. S. personnel ceased using military certificates and began using regular American currency and coins. Actually, the U. S. penny had been in circulation all the time as there is no 1c certificate. In September 1958, the Ryukyuans also ceased using B-yen and converted to regular U. S. currency and coins so that U. S. money is now used by everyone throughout the islands, just as in the Canal Zone.

This called for a general overhaul of the postal rate structure. All yen stamp issues were demonetized in a matter of a few days and taken off sale. A single provisional set in U. S. currency was hurriedly printed.

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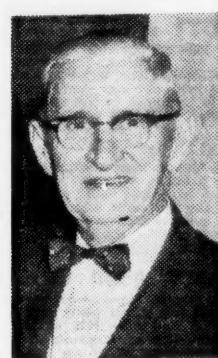
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So This Is Paris

Picking up where we left off last week, we now take the train to Paris. European trains are much different than those in America. I believe the track gauge is a bit narrower than ours, the trains are almost wholly electrified and on the average run much faster than ours. On a trip a month later from Innsbruck in Austria down to Munich, Germany, the train came down the mountains so fast that it almost scared me.



GEORGE W. LINN

Grand in Paris but could not get reservations and were put into the Hotel California. Not bad, but about the poorest of all the hotels we stopped at. It was about a block and a half off the Champs Elysee, about three blocks from the Arch de Triomphe.

Most people travel abroad or elsewhere to look at the scenery. My greatest interest is in watching the people. I get far more interest in them than in all the scenery. The French women are uniformly little, perhaps averaging about 5 foot four to six inches. Other than some of the principal thoroughfares, many of the streets of Paris are quite narrow. That is perhaps one reason the small cars are popular in Europe for other towns too have many very narrow streets and a couple of Cadillacs would have difficulty in passing in many. I saw the outdoor stamp bourse and wondered what would happen if a sudden shower should come. The sight was interesting but there did not seem to be much business going on.

What I enjoyed most about Paris was the sidewalk cafes which were found on many of the streets. It was a great pleasure to sit at a small table with a soft drink or perhaps a beer and a sandwich or a bottle of wine and watch the people walk by. Often many of these spots would be so crowded that one had difficulty in finding a table. This is ample proof that others enjoyed this feature as much as I did.

We took a couple sight-seeing trips, one in which we saw the Cathedral of Notre Dame. The beautiful windows were well worth gazing at but the building itself was very very dirty, perhaps the dirtiest of any building we were in while abroad. I tried to find some stamp dealers while in Paris but it was a difficult task.

The one we did find was a name not too familiar, yet the sales room was the most beautiful and best arranged of any stamp shop I have ever been in. This is the store of Ed. Berck, 6 Place De La Madeleine, Paris. Incidentally, he publishes a splendid catalogue of France.

Our next stop was Zurich Switzerland. We will arrive there next week.

Is Stamp Dealing Becoming a Racket?

In my opinion, yes. It is getting to be such big business that rival dealers are fighting for the privilege of handling issues of individual countries. It is getting so big that million dollar lawsuits are becoming the fashion. This sort of stuff is a disgrace to Philately and to the world of clean stamp collecting. From us, a curse on all their houses. What for over a hundred years has been a clean hobby that interests people of all classes, from all walks of life, and of all ages, has developed into a racket that will do great harm to the hobby, will discourage and destroy many real and prospective collectors all because a group of money hungry people have discovered that it is big business. They are fighting for control of the stamp issues of many countries. In addition to such things, others working from different angles have attempted to exploit stamp collecting as an investment field and have managed to exploit collectors for thousands of dollars.

We might say that the start of this type of business in the stamp world came with the establishment of what we refer to as the Philatelic Agency in Washington, D. C.

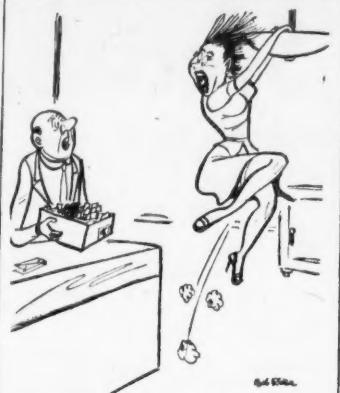
Prior to the establishment of this Agency issues of even as many as a billion stamps, such as the 2c black Harding, flat plate prints were not heavily bought by collectors and today, after 37 years this stamp catalogued at 18c has a ready market wholesale at 10c for choice copies. The Rotary prints of this stamp, of which there were over 90 million, now catalogue at \$2.75 and would wholesale readily at half that figure for choice copies. The imperf stamp, of which there were over 770 thousand, is quoted at \$2. in the catalogue and will bring more than half that figure in wholesale quantities. These latter two stamps show that even at that date speculation was growing as the imperf is cheaper today than the rotary of which the issue was many times as large. This of course was a stamp issued over a longer period of time than the average commemorative of this period, most of which were of short duration and quantities running around 20 to 25 million for many of them. Look at the 2c Lincoln of 1909 with nearly 150 million but quoted today at 70c each. This is ample proof that in the days before the Philatelic Agency speculation was mild alongside of what has occurred since the Agency was established. Now most issues are up in the 100 million or more for the 3c and 4c stamps. To prove that speculation has come with the Agency look at the 5c Flags stamps issued in lots of only 10 to 19 million in 1943-44 and now 16 years later are available at wholesale at a price that would not even pay interest on the investment after 16 years. Look at the 15c Cipex souvenir sheet of 1947. Thirteen years later with an issue of 10 million they would not pay interest on the investment.

This is all due to speculation and instead of stamps in your collection advancing in value, they are not even worth cost plus interest on your money.

The government held on to this 10 million issue until the collectors finally picked them all up. The Fipex souvenir sheet of 1956, which was also a 10 million printing, but was withdrawn from issue and destroyed after a reasonable period of time, has become a good item. This is just

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SMILEATELICS . . . by Bob Rieker



"It isn't a mouse, Madame; my toupee fell into this kilo!"

WORLD WAR II
(Continued from page 1)

It was issued September 16, 1958. Postal stationery was surcharged with new dollar values.

Subsequently, regular and commemorative stamps and postal stationery in U. S. dollars were printed in Japan.

In addition to these provisionals, other U. S. currency postal emissions in current use are the definitive set of five values, five commemoratives, the ordinary single and double postcard, and the New Year cards for 1958-9 and 1959-60. Except for one or two items, these provisionals and definitives are still on sale at the GRI Philatelic Agency in Naha. Yen stamps can now be purchased only from dealers.

1960 STAMP PROGRAM
— Inter-American Conference Airmail 10c, Washington, D. C. (50 per pane, 60,000,000).
Feb. 8 — Boy Scouts Golden Jubilee 4c, Washington, D. C. (50 per pane, 120,000,000).
Feb. 18 — Winter Olympic Games 4c, Olympic Valley, Tahoe City, Calif.
Mar. 7 — Thomas G. Masaryk "Champion of Liberty" 4c and 8c, Washington, D. C. 4c, 70 per pane, 120,000,000; 8c, 72 per pane, 40,000,000.
Mar. 23 — American Credo, Benjamin Franklin, Philadelphia, Pa. (50 per pane, 120,000,000).
— American Credo stamps for Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry, Francis Scott Key, and Abraham Lincoln.
Apr. 7 — World Refugee Year 4c, Washington, D. C. (120,000,000).
Apr. 18 — Water Conservation 4c, Washington, D. C.
Apr. 22 — Airmail regular 25c, San Francisco, Calif. (50 per pane).
June 10 — Airmail Regular 10c, Miami, Fla. (50 per pane).
June 17 — 1 1/4c regular, 1 1/4c coil and 1 1/4c stamped envelope, Santa Fe, N. M.
— Boys' Clubs of America (120,000,000).
July 4 — 50-Star Flag 4c.
July 19 — Pony Express 4c, Sacramento, Calif.
July 19 — Pony Express 4c envelope, St. Joseph, Mo.
Aug. 28 — Employ the Physically Handicapped, New York, N. Y.
Aug. 29 — Fifth World Forestry Congress, Seattle, Wash.
Nov. 1 — Camp Fire Girls Golden Jubilee 4c, New York, N. Y. (120,000,000)

ALREADY ISSUED
1139 — George Washington "Credo" 4c, Mt. Vernon, Va., January 20.

UNITED NATIONS
Feb. 29 — 4c and 8c "Buildings".

CANADA
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— 5c Girl Guide Movement 50th year.

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— 10c aerogram.

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This well-staffed agency services over-the-counter sales as well as mail orders and is very reliable (albeit sometimes slow). Collectors desiring to receive its notices of new issues need only request to be placed on the mailing list.

At present, the Agency has the following items on sale at face: U. S. currency provisionals, Scott Nos. 44-53 except No. 50; commemoratives 54-55 and the 3c Arbor Week and 3c Biological Conference. Also 1959 1/2c, 3c, 8c, 13c, and 17c regulars and the 9c, 14c, 27c, 29c, 35c airmails.

The best method of remittance is by international money order payable to: GRI Philatelic Agency, Central Post Office, Naha, Okinawa, Okinawa Province, Ryukyu Islands.

The Ryukyu Anti-TB program was initiated and is closely allied to the American Anti-TB campaign. Seals are sold each year to raise funds for anti-TB work throughout the islands. These seals depict unusual Ryukyuan designs and are printed by the Japan Printing Bureau which also regularly prints Ryukyuan stamps.

Persons interested in receiving notices of these seals should write the Director, PH&W Dept. USCAR, APO 331, San Francisco, Calif. Seals for as far back as 1953 are still on sale.

Other direct sources for Far Eastern material are as follows:

Japan Philatelic Agency, Central Post Office, Tokyo, Japan.

Korea Philatelic Section, Ministry of Communications, Seoul, Republic of Korea.

Philatelic Division, Central Post Office, Taipei, Taiwan, China.

Taiwan Philatelic Bulletin, Bank of China, 198 Worth St., New York, N. Y.

Philatelic Agency, Main Post Office, Manila, Republic of the Philippines.

Stamp Department, Director-General of Posts, Telegraphs, and Telephones, Jakarta, Republic of Indonesia. An airmail letter or aerogram or a first-class letter (no postcards) will get you on its mailing list.

As in the case of the Ryukyus, the mailing circular itself and the cover are usually quite valuable. Persons placing orders usually expect service to which they are accustomed in the U. S. and complain quickly about "poor service", yet one must consider the distances involved. It takes boat mail four weeks to cross the Pacific Ocean and another two to get to east coast cities. Offices are usually understaffed and many clerks do not know English. Allow three months for sea mail and half the time for airmail. A little patience will pay off.

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The Philatelic Sales Agency in Washington reports sales of \$2,894,860.31 for the 1959 calendar year. This represents a gain of \$290,613.71 over calendar 1958, when sales totaled \$2,604,246.60.

William K. Schrage of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing modeled the 4c Eighth Winter Olympic Games commemorative stamp, to be first placed on sale February 18 at Olympic Valley (Tahoe City Post Office), Calif. It is based on a design by Ervine Metzl of New York City. The entire stamp was engraved by Robert J. Jones.

The Masaryk "Champion of Liberty" stamps were based on a photograph of a stamp design, a drawing of a medallion and a drawing of the ribbon, spray of leaves and torch, which were furnished by the Post Office Department.

The design is in the "Famous American" size, but based on the 8c Magsaysay "Champion of Liberty" stamp of 1958, which was produced from a drawing by Arnold Copeland, a member of the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee.

Other members of the Committee—William H. Buckley and Ervine Metzl—collaborated on the design, with the illustrative work being done by Mr. Metzl and the production supervised by Mr. Buckley.

Mr. Schrage also was responsible for the model for the 4 and 8c Thomas G. Masaryk "Champion of Liberty" set, to be released March 7 at Washington. The portrait, torch, spray of leaves and ribbon for the 8c multicolor stamp were engraved by Richard M. Bower, and the lettering and numerals by George A. Payne. Engravers of the single-color 4c have not yet been announced.

Charles R. Chickering modeled the 4c Benjamin Franklin "Credo" stamp, which was based on the general design by Frank Conley. Robert J. Jones engraved the frame, and Howard F. Sharpless the symbol, signature, quotation, and denomination. This Franklin stamp will be issued March 23 at Philadelphia, Pa.

Effective February 1 Piedmont Aviation, Inc. will begin new airmail service at Staunton, Va. over route AM-87. An official cachet will be furnished for the post office at Staunton, and the usual philatelic treatment of airmail envelopes has been authorized.

Harrisburg, Pa. has been granted permission to use a special cancellation from date of receipt through December 31 reading "Harrisburg Centennial Year 1960".

Bowling Green, Ohio, has also been authorized to use a special postmark from date of receipt through June 30. This postmark reads "50th AN-

Togo Olympic Seven Due End Of January

The Togo Philatelic Agency in New York has announced that "in the end of January" Togo will release her long heralded Olympic Games set. Of seven values, it was designed by various United States and Israeli artists.



The series was printed in multicolor engraving by a Paris firm, 25 stamps to the sheet. All are in horizontal format excepting only the 15 francs "discus thrower". Each shows the five interlocked Olympic rings. Values and subjects are 30c skiing,

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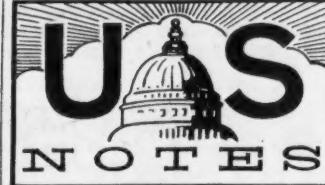
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In the January 11 Notes I mentioned an item in the Buffalo Evening News to the effect that Rep. Thaddeus J. Dulski had requested the Post Office Department to prepare a commemorative stamp which in turn would be released in Buffalo, N.Y. When this appeared, I suggested that as the lay press does in matters philatelic, it probably hadn't gotten the full story, or had gotten it inaccurately.

That seems to be the case for I have a telegram from Rep. Dulski to the effect he did not ask for a commem. His request was only that Buffalo be considered as the first day city for one of the stamps on the 1960 program.

His statement will be taken at 100% value. There have been times in the past when influential persons did cause stamps to be issued which had little or no national or historical significance.

1. Four commemorative airmails were released in 1959. Name them.

2. What animal life (birds, animals or fish) can be seen on the Soil Conservation commem of 1959?

Questions relative to the Design Derby have come from readers, answers to which might be of interest to all. The first asks why the additions to the Liberty Series for regular postage, and the 15c airmail were not included in the list of stamps to be voted upon.

Usually, the voters paid little heed to them, besides which many suggested that balloting be confined to the commemoratives. On an occasion or so, a regular has found favor to the extent that it got as high as the first half dozen, but on the whole the category was ignored. Now that we are getting increasingly better designs for the special issues, the others stand little chance.

A second question was to the effect that we divide the Derby into candidates printed in one color, and those in more than one. As I wrote when the polls were opened in the January 4 edition, we have to take the 1959 (or any other year's issues) just as they were produced. They have to stand on their own. The fact that a stamp is in several colors is no guarantee of its being a superior design. Take for instance the horrible Geophysical Year. It was not at the top of the heap, and was beneath some one-color issues.

Let's just vote on what we have, and keep the contest uncomplicated. There's a ballot on this page for your use. We also invite clubs to send a stamped, addressed envelope for ballots they would use for their programs. Just say how many.

It seems that there is an increasing interest in the philately of the Ryukyu Islands, to which the greatest part of the reading matter of this edition is devoted. I believe it comes about because the United States established itself there when the islands were won from the Japanese in World War II, and because they have been placed under the trusteeship administration of the U.S. by the United Nations.

The stamps aren't especially pretty, although the designs of about half are quaint to our eyes. There is a reliable philatelic agency in operation, the address of which is on another page, this edition. Service is good, plus which FDC's are handled. It's an area which might have appeal to you inasmuch as there aren't too many stamps to catch up on at the moment, and it doesn't take a fat pocketbook to enjoy the Ryukyus.

Last November in New York for the ASDA Show I dropped in to the Collectors Club (of which I am a member) for a "grand" tour of the premises. Guidance was provided by Henry M. Goodkind. Mr. Goodkind is a fellow editor ("The Collectors Club Philatelist"), a member of the Club's board of directors, plus being a very good acquaintance.

Philately never had it so good! Beautiful and well arranged meeting rooms are host to more than thirty separate clubs which use the

CC for their monthly meetings. There is a library which occupies practically all of one floor devoted strictly to philatelic literature. It has a number of the known rare books, kept under lock, of course, but immediately available to members and students. It also has nearly every publication devoted to the hobby including the stamp papers.

The books, excluding the rarities, are mailed to members for a definite period, so they can carry forth on some study that interests them at the moment. Further information on the hobby is available at the regular meetings of the CC where speakers present not only lectures, but further display subject material in the well-lighted and ultra-modern wall display frames just recently installed. Meetings are usually full up, too, and often, standing room only.

On the premises of the Club is the Philatelic Foundation. This organization is devoted mostly to the expertization of stamps and other philatelic items submitted to it for inspection and an opinion. It has a "board" of specialists, individual members of which might first thoroughly inspect a "patient," after which their opinions accompany it for consideration by the entire group of experts.

Use is made of the reference collections owned by the Foundation and the Collectors Club, reference data accumulated over the years along with photographs of everything on which the Foundation passed an opinion, and various pieces of equipment. All these plus personal knowledge are invaluable tools.

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It usually takes thirty days most of the time for the Foundation personnel to render a decision. There have been cases where difficult pieces, perhaps of Britain, her Colonies or the Dominions, have been sent to the Royal Philatelic Society of London for inspection. Perhaps to Australia or to the Philatelic Club of Brazil, etc. In any event, an attempt is made to make use of the foremost knowledge on the subject either in the United States or elsewhere.

Items submitted come to Miss Ethel Harper who is a pretty sharp philatelist herself. She has a keen memory, an asset which has enabled her on a number of occasions to cut preliminary work of an expertization by as much as 80 per cent. She is the only one who knows who owns the material to be inspected. On receipt, each is given a number which follows it through all channels, and which is its only identification.

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347	20f. Saint-Malo (1938)	.06
348	1.75f. Soccer (1938)	.35
350	1.75f. Champagne (1938)	.25
351	55c La Fontaine (1938)	.08
352	1.75f. Handclasp (1938)	.08
370	2.25f. Inter. Ex-N.Y. (1939)	.35
*371	90c Clemenceau (1939)	.06
372	2.25f. Inter. Ex-N.Y. (1939)	.15
373	2.50f. Inter. Ex-N.Y. (1939)	.20
374	2.25f. Niepce-Daguerre (1939)	.25
388	2.25f. Machine de Marly (1939)	.18
389	90c Gregory of Tours (1939)	.08
390	90c Anniv. Fr. Revol. (1939)	.06

Ryukyus Market Letter

Except for highly specialized material, the world stamp market centers around New York City. Thus, at the American Stamp Dealers' Assn. ASDA show there in November, the future of Ryukyu issues was the subject of much discussion.

With the change-over to U.S. money throughout the islands, alert dealers saw a possibility that U.S. collectors would soon be going after these issues. The Ryukyus postal system has always been an adjunct of the U.S. postal system, a fact which the Universal Postal Union has recognized since the Ryukyus began issuing regular stamps.

The Ryukyus postal system has already gone through two of the three steps taken by the Canal Zone postal system. Just as the first stamps of Camp Zone were Panamanian stamps overprinted for use in the Canal Zone, so were the first issues of the Ryukyus Japanese stamps overprinted in a similar manner.

The Canal Zone then came out with its own stamps. The Ryukyus are now in this stage. The third stage in the Canal Zone was the use of regular U.S. stamps overprinted for local use. Territories such as Puerto Rico, Hawaii and Guam eventually used exactly the same stamps as those used on the mainland.

If U.S. collectors begin going into Ryukyus in a big way, the trend will soon be reflected by the catalog publishers. While some dealers were able to obtain supplies from Agency stocks of 1952 and subsequent issues, wholesale and retail U.S. dealers have not been able to secure any quantities of the pre-1952 issues (except Nos. 1-7).

European dealers are in worse shape because none of them knew enough about the Ryukyus even to think of laying in anything.

U.S. collector interest in the Ryukyus is reflected in the strong demand, as well as high premium paid, for imprint blocks. Such blocks are extremely scarce because there are no philatelists around to pick them up and they are used up in the regular mails.

The only way to secure such a block by mail order is to buy an entire sheet. U.S. interest is also shown in the increasing number of First Day Covers made for new issues. Compared to US FDC quantities the number is relatively small—which means they can become very scarce.

While the 3 yen commemoratives of 1951 sell for \$2.3 each, their FDC's now run close to \$10 and are hard to get. FDC's for the three lower values of the 1952 regular is-

sue are readily obtainable, but those for the five higher values are extremely scarce. This scarcity, due to U.S. interest, is very noticeable also in Ryukyus first flight covers.

The conversion from Ryukyu yen to U.S. Dollar currency took place in September 1958. The Minkus American Stamp Catalog noted this change in its listings, but other catalogs failed to note this important development.

With the change in currency, all yen issues were automatically demonetized and were replaced by issues in American Dollars and cents. For about three or four days, both yen and Dollar issues were on sale at the post office and the Philatelic Agency. This was not enough time for dealers to stock up, so most of them now lack Nos. 19-43 in quantities.

No one had bothered to stock the 1952 regular issue as it was being reprinted as needed, so this set which started out to be very common, ended up being very scarce in full sets. While a sharp rise is expected in these items, Nos. 43-55 will have a more moderate rise as they were on sale in ample quantities at the time of the change-over.

The new U.S. currency provisional issue resulting from the change-over is still on sale at the Philatelic Agency except for the 10c value. It is difficult to explain why the 10c went off sale first as 1,000,000 were printed and it did not fit into any particular rate.

A contributing cause may be that collectors have been buying this stamp in sheets in order to get the several well known plate varieties. The 1/2c of which 1,000,000 were also printed, may be the next one to go off sale because of its wide use for local newspaper mailing and its purchase in quantity by collectors looking for shade and perforation varieties.

Due to the large amount of overseas airmail, the \$1 value is being

rapidly used up and will be a fairly scarce mint item, but not so used.

No discussion of Ryukyu stamps is complete without a mention of the 100 yen overprint on 2 yen of 1951. Scott first listed this stamp as No. 17 at \$2. By 1958, it was listed at over \$200. Today—1960—Scott does not give it a price, but Minkus lists \$225. The going retail price for a fine copy is slightly under this figure.

Since no collection could be complete without this gem, every serious collector should try to get a copy as soon as possible. Several dealers and auctioneers have offered this stamp lately, evidently feeling that its price is now "stabilized".

This will always remain a scarce stamp as only 10,000 were overprinted and most of these were used in the mails. Very few mint or used copies exist since cautious collectors refused to pay 83c for a stamp and dealers did not stock this number because, at the time, it was not yet listed in the catalog.

A person now paying hundreds of dollars for a stamp would want to be sure he is getting a genuine copy. FDC's so far are unknown and even used copies are scarce. A few philatelic covers were made at the time. Prices for this stamp will vary widely according to condition.

So far, a single "hand painted" copy of a forgery has turned up in the hands of a European collector who claims that it came from the Far East. When placed next to a genuine copy, it is noticeably different.

Although there is little danger of forgeries at this moment, it is best to buy from a reliable dealer who is willing to issue a certificate attesting to the genuineness of the stamp.

Another indication of U.S. specialist interest in the Ryukyus is the increasing demand for postal stationery items. There was never much stock of the early items. Original printings ran from a few thousand to 10,000 or so; merely enough to satisfy local needs. A complete collection of regular Ryukyu postal stationery is scarce indeed. Better pick these items up when you can.

The airmail story is pretty much the same as the regular issues. The sudden change from yen to Dollars took

The Dollar Provisional Issues Of The Ryukyus

A milestone in Ryukyu philately was the change-over to U.S. currency in September 1958. As early as August the "Okinawa Times" had reported that Lt. Gen. Donald P. Booth, United States High Commissioner for the Ryukyu Islands, had said that initial steps had already been taken to retire all B-yen currency. This was a special blocked yen which had served as the exchange medium in the Ryukyus since the end of World War II.

The American Chamber of Commerce in Naha drew up a five-point economic plan for the Ryukyus in March 1958 which called for complete conversion to regular U.S. currency. On April 11, military purchase certificates used by service personnel were replaced by ordinary U.S. currency.

Formal action for currency conversion is based on Ordinance No. 14 of the High Commissioner of the Ryukyus dated September 15, 1958. The summary of this article is as follows:

Sec. 1. U. S. Dollar Legal Tender—From and after 0001 hours 16 September 1958, the U. S. dollar, consisting of all the coins and currencies of the U. S. which are authorized to circulate as money in the U. S., shall be legal tender in the Ryukyu Islands. From and after 2400 hours 24 September 1958, the U. S. dollar shall be the only legal tender in the Ryukyu Islands.

Sec. 2. Rate of Exchange—All debts, taxes, duties, fines, judgments, and monetary obligations expressed in Type B-yen, shall be reduced to U.S. dollars at the rate of 120 Type B-yen to \$1. Should such conversion result in a remaining fraction of 60 sen or less than 1/2¢, such fraction shall be disregarded. All laws, proclamations, ordinances and directives shall be considered as having been amended to reflect this currency conversion.

Sec. 3. (use of B-yen and other currencies prohibited).

Sec. 4. (unlawful circulation and counterfeiting).

Sec. 5. (recessions).

This order was signed by Vonna F. Burger, Brig. Gen., U.S.A., Chief of the Civil Administration, for the U. S. High Commissioner for the Ryukyu Islands.

Ryukyu Seifu Koho (Ryukyu Government Official Bulletin) No. 55 carried an announcement of postal rate changes. A summary reads, "pursuant to Postal Law No. 74 of 1953, Article 31, the following postal matter is effective as of 16 September: 1/2¢-\$1 stamps, 1 1/2¢ and 3¢ postcards, 13¢ aerogramme, 4¢ special reply coupon and 3¢ cash remittance envelope. (Colors of stamps given).

"Postcards, aerogrammes, and cash remittance envelopes are to be revalued by crossing out the old value with two red bars and surcharging the new value in cents. Special reply coupons are changed to 4¢."

The same authority issued Bulletin No. 56, which carried notification No. 264 dated September 16, 1958. This gave the same effective date for revenue stamps which were described as offset printing measuring 23 x 27mm.

Bulletin No. 62 dated September 26, 1958 carried Notification No. 276 which gave the following supplementary information on HICOM Ordinances No. 14 and 15: (1) exchange period of yen for dollar stamps, etc., September 16-30; (2) places of exchange—all Ryukyu Postoffices; and (3) stamps, etc. must be submitted with a "Request for exchange" form.

HICOM Ordinance No. 15 dated September 20, 1958 reads in summary:

Currency Conversion—Whereas, the period for such unrestricted exchange will expire on 20 September 1958, after which Type B-yen will no longer be legal tender . . .

"Whereas, postage and revenue stamps denominated in Type B-yen will no longer be valid after 20 September 1958 . . .

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"In addition, in areas where a financial institution is not available

ground information for the introduction of U. S. currency and Dollar value stamps in the Ryukyu Islands. As of September 16, 1958 all yen postal paper was demonetized and replaced with provisional issues denominated in U. S. Dollar currency. The latter are still valid and in general use.

MARKET LETTER (Continued from page 8)

local post offices are authorized to accept Type B-yen for periodic exchange for U. S. currency at financial institution and within their own resources, to make exchanges for U. S. currency subject to the above conditions.

"2. Postage stamps, postcards, airletters, reply postage coupons, cash delivery envelopes and revenue stamps denominated in Type B-yen and issued by the Government of the Ryukyu Islands, shall be exchanged for the same items denominated in U. S. currency upon presentation at any postoffice within the period specified in Section 1 above."

On November 4, 1958 the High Commissioner's Office amended Section 2 of Ordinance No. 15 to read, "postage stamps, postcards, airletters, reply postage coupons, cash delivery envelopes and revenue stamps denominated in Type B-yen and issued by the Government of the Ryukyu Islands, may be exchanged for the same items in legal tender (U. S. currency issues) on presentation at any postoffice up to and including 29 November 1958. This amendment is effective as of November 5 1958."

The above items provide the back-

dealer could stock up. The second of these issues was on sale only for a short time and nobody bothered to stock up because it was a definitive airmail issue and as such would be reprinted as needed.

The 1951 issue will probably remain stable for a while as it was in use long enough to provide ample used copies and wholesale dealers had obtained mint sets. The first airmail set of 1950 continues strong in demand for both mint and used sets as there is practically no stock of them.

Even as you read this article, a flurry is going on with the issuance of provisional airmails in December 1959. Although plans were made to issue a regular airmail set in American currency, there was not enough time to produce it, so postal officials decided to reprint remaining stocks of the old yen airmails with new values in American money.

These first airmails in U. S. currency will be a set which every U. S. collector must have in his collection. Better pick them up when you can.

The avidity with which U. S. collectors go after "flyspecks" and other minor flaws has been reflected in

the steady demand for plate positions of the 10¢ on 50 sen 1952 issue. Several important studies have been published on this one stamp, and specialists can recognize most of the 300 prints.

The surcharging was done at three different times as needed. Naturally there is a wide variation in the value of the three printings. The American Stamp Catalog put out by

Minkus Publications has again taken the lead in describing and pricing the three different printings.

It will be sometime yet before the catalog makers will list Types A and B of the 100¢ on 2¢ surcharge, but this is not important as the printings of each type ran about 50-50 to a sheet of 100. For the specialist, the more important varieties in these surcharges are the large zeros.

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The fraudulent card is readily identifiable by the use of (1), the June 26 cancellation applied by the (2), ordinary Reykjavik handstamp to (3), less than the minimum 34.75 Kroner franking. Of further suspicion is the semicircular cachet in red at the lower left; it appears on but few of the legitimate June 23 covers.

International Cooperation Spots
Iceland Balloon Flight Forgery

An attractive and dangerous counterfeit of a 1957 balloon flight in Iceland has been unmasked by a Springfield, Ohio collector with the cooperation of a dealer in Iceland. The former is William P. Brooks, long active in the Society of Philatelic Americans and other stamp circles. The Icelander is Jonas Hallgrímsson, P.O. Box 1116, Reykjavik, Iceland, whose name is familiar to Linn's readers.

The flight took place June 23, 1957 and authentic covers bear this date in their cancellations. Further, they are backstamped at Brorland (the post office nearest the landing point) on the same date. Such covers are by no means common at this time, a mere 30 months later.

The counterfeits uncovered are on postcards with various markings which would seem to authenticate them. However, they show two glaring shortcomings: the postmark is dated three days too late—June 26—and the cards bear insufficient franking.

"I was quite well acquainted with all details regarding this Iceland Balloon flight," wrote Mr. Hallgrímsson to the Ohio collector, "as I was one of the counselors in connection with it. And I do not hesitate to declare that the card is a forgery."

Further details supplied by him are that the cards were offered by an English dealer at 15/- (about \$2). They are canceled with the ordinary Reykjavik cancellation of June 26, 1957, whereas the flight took place June 23, and all balloon mail was registered at the special post office at the Reykjavik airport.

Covers on the flight totaled 2488, all canceled with the special device "REYKJAVIKURFLUGVOLLUR / REYKJAVIK AIRPORT" in the top semicircle with "FLUGDAGUR" in the lower one. Across the center in a straight line is "23.6.1957" and below that an upturned posthorn.

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Legitimate mail from the June 23 (correct date) balloon flight was canceled by the special "REYKJAVIKURFLUGVOLLUR / REYKJAVIK AIRPORT" device. It bears at least 34.75 Kroner franking, registry markings, and backstamps of both Brorland (June 23) and Reykjavik (June 24).

Much Polar Data In
New "Ice Cap News"

The November-December issue of the "Ice Cap News", publication of the American Society of Polar Philatelists, offers a wealth of information for the collector of Polar philately. Much of it, indeed, is of concern to the casual postal historian as well.

An especially interesting article by George A. Hall concerns the activities of the late Raold Amundsen in the Arctic.

A second story recalls the Shackleton Expedition of 1914 and reveals that nine of its survivors are still alive and scattered throughout the world.

Ice Cap News is published six times a year, at \$2 per year subscription. Neil D. Josephson, 83 Forest St., New Britain, Conn. is the editor. He will supply further details about the magazine and the society on request.

tive stamps replace will be withdrawn from sale during that period.

The new Constitution which came into force January 1 provides for the office of Chief Minister and four other ministers as against three at present. All the members of the new executive council will be unofficial members except the law officer who will continue to be an official. The administrator will continue to preside in executive council.

Further changes in the Legislative Council are envisaged after the next general election.

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7	2.25		.50	.04
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9	1.00	.30	.175	.08
10	.07	.60	.176	.30
11	.04	.04	.177	.18
12	.04	.04	.178	.10
13	.04	.10	.179	.10
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62E	.40	.274	.274	.450
62F	.125	.275	.275	.451
63	.25	.276	.276	.452
64	.10	.277	.277	.453
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A Checklist Of Special Cachets And Cancellations Of The Ryukyus

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Special Ryukyu postal markings have been provided for a variety of occasions since 1947. There are two general types, pictorial cancellations and official cachets.

Cancellations have been used to commemorate historic or notable events, to mark new air routes, post office buildings and postal services, and to publicize scenic spots. Pictorial cancellations, modeled after those of Japan, are usually orange or red in a circular design and actually cancel the stamp.

Cachets, provided most frequently for first day covers, also have been used for commemorative and publicity purposes. They come in various shapes, sizes and colors.

The following checklist compiled by the staff of ISRACS is arranged chronologically since dates represent the best means of identification for collectors who do not read kanji (Japanese written in Chinese characters):

Amano Oshima Rehabilitation Exhibition, November 1, 1947. Commemorative cancellation, Naha post office, purple circular design showing dove over rising sun and ship.

First Flight from Ryukyu, March 15, 1948. Cachet, Naha, purple box reading in English "International Air Mail First Flight From Ryukyu".

First Day of Issue, February 15, 1950. Cancellation for airmail and special delivery stamps, Naha, purple killer bars with English "Naha, Okinawa, First Day Of Issue, 15. 2. 1950".



Nakagusuku Park Dedication, March 5, 1950. Commemorative cancellation, Nakagusuku post office, used later as a scenic cancel. Purple circular design picturing ruins of Nakagusuku Castle with "Okinawa" at top and "Nakagusuku" at bottom in reverse lettering. Some covers have a private circular cachet in red reading "Nakagusuku Castle Park 1950".

Visiting Delegation from Hawaii, March 15, 1950. Commemorative cancellation used at Naha to welcome group of Ryukyuans from Hawaii on an inspection tour. Also used on several later dates in 1950. Purple design with stylized wings at top and scroll at bottom extending beyond circular background with map of Okinawa. English "Okinawa" at top, "Naha" under wings, kanji inscription on scroll reading "Commemorating the Visiting Delegation Welcome".

Nago Waterfall, March 28, 1950. Scenic cancellation first used at Nago post office. Violet rectangle picturing Todoroki waterfall, highest in Okinawa and a noted scenic spot. English "Nago" outside frame at top, "Okinawa" at right, both in reverse lettering.

Kin Temple, March 28, 1950. Scenic cancellation first used at Kin post office. Purple design in shape of tile roof of Buddhist temple at Kin in central Okinawa. English "Okinawa" at top, "Kin" in reverse lettering at lower left, date at lower right.

Miwa Shrine, March 28, 1950. Scenic cancellation first used at Miwa post office. Purple circular design picturing Lily Flower Shrine with extension at left and lily outside frame. The Lily Flower Shrine marks the spot where 143 Okinawa school girls and 15 teachers, serving as volunteer nurses with the Japanese army, were killed during the 1945 fighting.

Ginowan Shrine, March 28, 1950. Scenic cancellation first used at Ginowan post office. Purple circular design picturing entrance to Futenma Cave, site of a famous Buddhist shrine. "Okinawa" is outside circle a top and "Ginowan" in English and kanji and date at left.

Yaezama Rehabilitation Exhibition, August 1-5, 1950. Post office records list commemorative cancellation used at Yaezama Central Post Office. No details available on design or color.

Ryukyu University, February 12, 1951. Commemorative cancellation, Shuri post office. Large circular design in orange, upper torso of man holding globe on shoulders, with location of Shuri indicated in English.

Kanji "Commemorating the Foundation of Ryukyu University" at top, English "First Day of Issue" and date "51. 2. 12". No official cachet, but there are several privately-made varieties.

Arbor Week, February 18-25, 1951. Commemorative cancellation used at Naha (orange), Naze (violet), Miyako (blue), and Yaeyama (color unknown). Circular design of sprout and forest scene, kanji "Commemorating Arbor Week" at top, post of office in English at bottom. Dated "1951 2. 18-25".

First day covers of Arbor Week stamp canceled February 19 at Naha have additional English "First Day of Issue" in orange below cancellation. No official cachet. There are several private designs.

Provisional Central Government, April 1, 1951. Cachet, Naha, orange dove and scroll design, kanji at top, English "Inauguration of the Provisional Central Government of the Ryukyu Islands April 1, 1951 With faith in democracy" at bottom. No commemorative cancellation.

Airmail first day, October 1, 1951. Cachet, Naha, purple design of crane over standard with kanji "Powerful Flight", English "New Ryukyu Issue" at top right and "1st Oct 1951 First Day of Issue" at lower left. No commemorative cancellation.

Government Inauguration, April 1, 1952. Commemorative cancellation used at Naha (orange), Naze (blue), Miyako (blue) and Yaeyama (orange). Large double ring design of dove, sprout and map of islands with English "Government of Ryukyu Islands Establishment" between rings, names of post office in English and date below central design.

Cachet applied in orange at Naha to first day covers of Government



To mark the April 1, 1952 inauguration of the government of the Ryukyus a commemorative stamp was issued and special cancellation and cachet designs were prepared. The cachet applied in orange to first day covers serviced at Naha carries an all-English legend as also does the canceling design. The stamp is entirely in the native language excepting only the English designation of value.

stamp shows dove, bell and map with English inscription "In Commemoration of Establishment Government of Ryukyu Islands 1 April 1952 First Day of Issue".

Ernie Pyle Monument, April 18, 1952. Scenic cancellation first used at Ie post office on Ie Shima off Okinawa's Motobu peninsula. Orange circular design shows Ilegusugu, the sharply rising peak called "The Pin-nacle" by American soldiers who fought for the island, and the monument at the point where Ernie Pyle, noted war correspondent, was killed by a Japanese sniper in 1945.

Memorial services are held each year at the spot, which is now a park. The first cancellation was replaced by a slightly larger version of the same design which was in use in 1957.

Historical Sites first day, November 20, 1952. Cachet used at Naha with first day covers of three low values of Historical Sites regular issue. Orange Shurei Gate and globe design with Ryukyus indicated. English inscription "First Day of Issue 20 Nov. 1952".

Historical Sites First Day, January 20, 1953. Cachet used at Naha with first day covers of five high values of Historical Sites regular issue. Orange design of Shuri dragon and globe with Ryukyus indicated. English inscription "First Day of Issue 20. Jan. 1953".

Naha Post Office Dedication, January 25, 1953. Commemorative cancellation, Naha, orange circular design with picture of new Naha post

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Reflections-British Central Africa, first issue, 1895. Negotiations for the first issue of the Nyasaland or British Central Africa's own stamps were started with a letter dated December 11, 1894. It was written by Sir Harry Johnson, H. M. Commissioner and Consul General for the Protectorate to the firm of De La Rue.

In it Mr. Johnston went into great detail about the design of the stamps, and listed his suggestions for the generally bear fiscal cancellations.

The stamps inscribed British Central Africa were short-lived, lasting only until 1907. Then a readjustment by the Colonial Office resulted in a change of name to Nyasaland Protectorate.

As was usual with many small undeveloped countries, the top values of the definitive sets were seldom used for postage and when found, generally bear fiscal cancellations.

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Inverted Watermarks-Mrs. C. C. Cary, Deweyville, Texas, reports several from Great Britain and Australia and Nos. O12 and O13 of Union of South Africa. Bob Gladden, Indianapolis, writes about Great Britain No. 322.

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The vast amount of work necessary to produce provisional issues to meet the Ryukyu Islands' shift from the B-yen to the U. S. Dollar as a basis for that nation's monetary system did not reach the "breathing spell" state for 15 months. The December 20, 1959 release of five overprinted values on five earlier "Flying Goddess" airmails was needed to meet the Dollar equivalents of newly scheduled rates. The full set is shown on the above first day cover, complete with a cachet complementing the design of the adhesives.

Dollar Based Provisionals Of Ryukyu Now Include Airmails, Aerograms And Other Material

When the currency change-over from the B-yen to the U. S. Dollar basis took place in the Ryukyu Islands in September 1958, the provisional Dollar set of ordinary postage stamps was intended to take care of airmail needs. However, the large volume of airmail and the need for high values soon threatened to consume existing stocks of stamps.

In addition, the Ryukyu postal system which formerly provided only first-class airmail, expanded its airmail service to include second- and third-class mail. This created some odd rates which were difficult to pay with current stamps.

In October 1959, a new first-class airmail rate structure went into effect which placed the airmail fee for each 10 grams or fraction thereof at 9c for domestic (Japan) and 14c, 19c, 27c, and 35c for Zones I to IV, respectively.

To provide stamps for these rates, the 1957 airmail set in yen was surcharged as follows: 9c on 15y., 14c on 20y., 19c on 35y., 27c on 45y., and 35c on 60y. The 14c and 27c overprints were in pale violet blue; the others, in red.

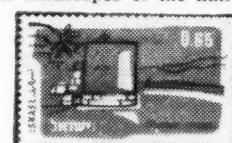
Apparently a master plate of 50 subjects was made for the surcharging and the 5 different values inserted as required. Therefore, the same plate varieties appear on all values. Noticeable ones are the short lower bar on stamps number 14 and 15 and the break in the vertical stroke of "c" on No. 36.

The overprints vary mainly in the extension of this stroke of "c" above the "c". In Type A the stroke protrudes about 1mm. In Type B, it is barely discernable. In Type C, it is non-existent.

Type A is found on numbers 3, 7, 9, 15, 16, 23, 24, 25, 27, 36, and 41-47. Type B is found on numbers 1, 2, 6, 8, 11-14, 17-19, 21, 22, 26, 28, 30, 35, 37, 39, 48, and 50.

New Israeli Airmail Set In Agorot Values

February 24 has been set as day of issue for the new trio of Israeli airmail stamps in the agorot values, according to Jacques Minkus of the Israel Philatelic Agency in New York. Values will be of 15, 20 and 65 agorot, photogravure printed on unwatermarked paper. Designs will depict landscapes of the nation.



The 15a. mauve and black will bear a scene from Zefat (Safad), while the 20a. bright green and black will depict one from Ashqelon. The high value 65a. bright blue and black — the only one in horizontal format — will be dedicated to Tiberias.

Printing will be in sheets of 20, with tabs below the bottom row of five.

Mr. Minkus added that according to official reports from overseas, cached first day covers will be

available in a size similar to that of the Settlements Jubilee issue. FDC's will be serviced with the Jerusalem

postmark of the day of issue.

Foster New President Of Inland Empire Club

The Inland Empire Philatelic Society of Spokane, Wash. has announced the recent election of Howard R. Foster as president, J. L. Havlick vice president and Mrs. M. L. Johnson secretary-treasurer for 1960.

The group meets at 7:30 p. m. on fourth Tuesdays in the Spokane Courthouse. Visitors are always welcome. Mrs. Johnson can be reached at 2503 W. Francis, Spokane 16, Wash. for further details.

to mention that revenue stamps were converted at the same time the postage stamps were replaced. However, as a security measure, no surcharged revenue stamps were made.

Instead, a complete new issue in Dollar currency was issued with the same old design. This set consisted of 1, 3, 5, 10, and 50c; \$1, \$5 and \$10 denominations. A set with the same values but in a new design soon replaced the provisional set.

As a final word, it might not be amiss to urge U. S. collectors to pick up these sets while they are still current. Sets are on sale by dealers at slightly above face.

The popular demand for these issues and the fact that 80 to 90 percent of them are used up in ordinary postal business and lost to collectors will make them scarce as soon as they are off sale.

The GRI Philatelic Agency still carries these sets and will sell them at face. The 10c value of the provisional set is already sold out, it reports. Since catalog prices for the Ryukyu Islands are usually fixed in the early part of the year, one should not expect listings at a little more than face for a year or two.

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Pan Am is also expected to begin jet service Boston-Paris about February 8, with simultaneous (or shortly following) additions of New York, Brussels, Amsterdam, and Hamburg.

Within the States, Eastern jets were scheduled for New York-Miami inaugural January 24, with Chicago-Miami scheduled for February 7.

Mr. Salomon suggests that readers watch the local and philatelic press for official releases on these various flights, and be ready to rush covers to the indicated points on short notice.

While not airmail, he also reports a rumor of a special first day cancellation to be used at the Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, Pa. on the first day of the Franklin "Credo" stamp.

Canadian Group Books First "Royal" Convention

The first convention to be held by the leading philatelic organization in Canada since Queen Elizabeth II bestowed the title of "Royal" on it last year, has been scheduled for April 28-30 at Kitchener, Ont.

The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada will stage the event in Kitchener's Granite Club, with the Kitchener-Waterloo Philatelic Society as host. The big event will be the highlight of the local group's observance of its silver anniversary year.

Peoria Philatelists To Hold Show March 12-13

The Peoria (Ill.) Philatelic Society will hold its annual exhibition March 12-13 at the Pere Marquette Hotel.

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Further, an admission ticket to the London International Philatelic Exhibition is part of the tour package. Several free days give members of the party the opportunity to spend extra time at this stamp show, to shop, to visit or to go off to places on their own. Undoubtedly a great deal of shopping will be done by both sexes as London has much to attract their currency. Since nominal postage rates exist to return purchases back home by parcel post no one need worry about carrying a lot of merchandise with him.

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one out of hundreds that have turned out as a decent speculation and few bought it in quantity as they remembered what a lemon the Cipex sheet was.

Speculation in stamps has become a curse on the hobby, those who are holding the bag are common collectors and misguided people with capital who have been talked into stamps as an investment. The smart dealers do not get caught in these situations for all they need for stock is a very limited quantity and if the price does advance they can still buy all they can sell at a price and sell at a bit more and still make their profit. The poor misguided collector carries the wholesale stock for them and there is always a supply available for ordinary trade.

Now it has come to pass that dealers themselves are entering into the game of urging speculation rather than stamp collecting. If the stamp dealers were smart as they should be, they would advise every one of their customers to buy only a single copy of any stamp, buy as many different varieties as possible, refuse blocks and sheets, build a collection based on variety and not on bulk which comes with blocks and sheets.

United Nations were pounced on by dealers and pushed to the limit. Then came Israel which also got the bum's rush after being touted in blocks, sheets, etc.

Today we have other countries coming into the game with the establishment of Philatelic Agencies here in America and pushing the sale of their stamps far beyond the normal quantities required for supplying collectors. Thousands of these collectors are buying in blocks and sheets looking for a profit on a future sale. This is a bad situation as this sort of material will soon become a load that the market can not carry.

It is going to do immense harm to stamp collecting and can do great damage to what has been a lovely hobby.

Competition for the privilege of representing a country as a philatelic agency has become so keen that big dealers are fighting for the privilege. The stakes are big and the poor collector in the end is going to have to carry the burden unless he awakens and mends his ways of collecting.

One man now controls the Agencies of several countries. The first one so taken over was on the basis of a 25% discount from face value for the stamps. The Agency controls the quantities issued but these will always be sufficient to supply all the collectors will buy. These issues are pushed in the philatelic press, small dealers all jump in for a share of the business and as soon as the market is saturated another issue will be prepared and the game starts over again. When several such agencies get operating, how long do you think it is going to take for the collector to realize that he can not keep on buying and buying. These things will eventually flop and many collectors will be holding the bag and no place to unload.

Latest to be announced was an Agency for Surinam. Now comes an announcement from a new group which has made agency arrangements with Guatemala. There are rumors that Italian Somaliland is about to get into the game. All these countries will keep you supplied as long as you have a dime to buy with and new issues will come as fast as you can absorb them.

Again we say, a curse on all Philatelic Agencies, especially those that are farmed out to private individuals rather than operated by the Government.

We do not like Philatelic Agencies of any kind, not even those operated by any Government. They all encourage speculation which is a curse to stamp collecting.

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An Introduction To Leading Ryukyu Stamp Designers

Approximately 18 Ryukyu designers have worked on the stamps and postal stationery of the Ryukyu Islands. During the early days of the postal administration, it was the custom to hold competitions whenever new issues were contemplated. This custom has been replaced in recent years by the Stamp Advisory Committee.

The members of this committee in 1958 were S. Yamada, M. Adaniya, S. Isagawa, and S. Tamanaha. These men have taken turns at designing stamps and postal stationery of the Ryukyus since the Historical Sites series of 1952.

The word is that all concerned are now very patiently waiting for Mr. Yamada to produce the designs for the first definitive issue of Ryukyu airmails in U. S. Dollar currency. These are expected in the spring of 1960.

Mr. Yamada is the ranking designer of this group. He was born in Naha, Okinawa, in 1885. He studied in the Tokyo Academy of Art under the direction of Japanese sculptors and artists. In 1910, he taught design and sculpture in Peiping. His paintings were prized by Dr. Sun Yat-sen and some of them are now owned by the royal family of Japan.

Currently Mr. Yamada is supervising the construction of a huge Buddha in Okinawa which he has designed. His contributions to Ryukyu stamp designs include the second and third airmail sets, the Commodore Perry 6 yen value and the New Year stamp for 1959.

Another ranking designer of many talents is Prof. Adaniya of the Art Department of Ryukyu University. He was born in Tokyo in 1921 and settled in Shuri after graduating from the Tokyo Academy of Art in 1944. He spent his childhood in Okinawa.

Prof. Adaniya designed the I Tree, 3y. Perry, II Newspaper, Sweet Potato, the Cultural and Dancer series, the 4c Moth and the 13c and 17c definitives of the U. S. based issue. He also designed the crown series of postcards, the 1959-60 New Year card and the Christmas seals for 1953-6 and 1958. He worked with Mr. Isagawa on the Dollar based provisions.

Mr. Shiro is a professional artist who has designed a large number of stamps. He was born and raised in Okinawa and has studied oil painting at the Tokyo Academy of Art. He works in a studio in his home in Shuri. He designed the 5y. of the regular issue and the borders of the third regular (Historical Sites) issue, the I Newspaper, II Tree and Telephone commemoratives. He worked with Mr. Kakihana on the 1955 New Year card.

Mr. Isagawa, born in Naha in 1917, studied at the Tokyo Academy of Arts. He now manages an art designing shop in Naha. He designed the I, II and IV New Year stamps, the III Newspaper, the Shuri Gate commemorative, the definitive Dollar-based 3c and 8c values, and worked with Prof. Adaniya on the Dollar provisions. He also designed the 1958 New Year card.

Among the younger designers is Mr. Ashitomi, an instructor in the art department of Ryukyu University. He was born in Naha in 1930 and graduated from Ryukyu University in 1954. His design for the Government stamp won out in competition. He designed the 12y, 15y, and 15c aerograms.

Another young designer is Mr. Tamanaha who was born in Okinawa in 1918. He graduated from the Tokyo Academy of Art in 1944, and excels in oil painting and sculpture work. He lives with the artist group in the Shuri hills. He designed Ryukyu's first miniature sheet, the X Anniversary commemorative; the III Tree, the definitive Dollar-based 1/2c

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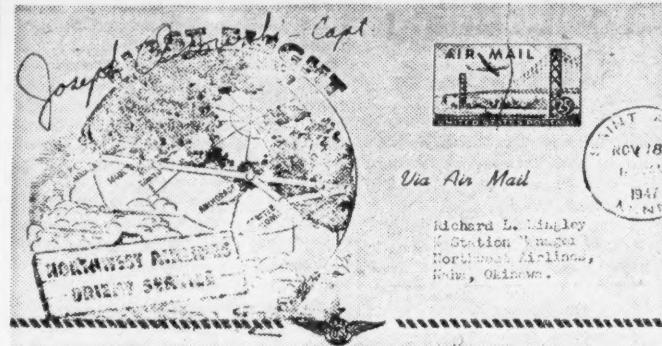
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Review Of Ryukyuan Postwar Airmail Developments Points Up Events Of Unusual Interest

Belmont Faries

On May 26, 1947 more than two years after the American landings on Okinawa, an international mail exchange office began operations in Naha, giving the people of the Ryukyu their first postal connection with the world beyond Japan. American occupation forces, of course, had been served from the beginning by army and fleet post offices.

Civilian air service to the Orient had not yet been restored, but two American air lines were pushing toward Asia as fast as limited facilities and military authorities would permit.

Pan American Airways, Inc., which had operated the prewar trans-Pacific route from San Francisco via Honolulu to Manila, Hong Kong and Singapore (U. S. Foreign Air Mail Contract Route No. 14), was pressing final preparations for a route via Manila to Calcutta, India to connect with its route 18 in a round-the-world service.

Northwest Airlines, Inc., already serving Anchorage, Alaska, also was aiming for Manila by the Great Circle route, which would provide the shortest link with Japan.

Both companies had plans to use Naha in Okinawa as a port of call. Pan American as a stop on the flight west from Guam to Shanghai and Northwest on a dog-leg hop from Shanghai south to Manila.

Pan American flew into Naha first, on the San Francisco-Shanghai first flight June 3-6, 1947. No mail was handled at Naha. Northwest reached Manila on July 21, on a flight from Minneapolis-St. Paul via Anchorage, Tokyo and Shanghai, by-passing Okinawa.

Tokyo was authorized to dispatch on this route (F.A.M. 28) on August 29, and the first American dispatches to Japan were made September 6. First Pan American dispatches from San Francisco to Tokyo on Route 14 reached Tokyo on September 28, on a hop from Wake, eliminating Guam as a port of call.

San Francisco-Naha, FAM 14

On November 1, 1947 airmail dispatches from the United States to Naha were authorized. On the following day, San Francisco made its initial dispatch. The letter of authorization apparently was delayed in reaching Honolulu, and the first dispatch to Naha from Hawaii was made December 1. No covers are known from either of these flights.

Minneapolis-Naha, FAM 28

Due to various complications both in Okinawa and in the United States, Northwest was not able to begin flights into Okinawa until the third week in November.

The schedule called for flights leaving the United States on Tuesday by way of Anchorage, Tokyo and Shanghai to reach Naha on Thursday, and continue on to Manila. The return trip from Manila to Shanghai en route to the United States stopped at Naha on Mondays.

The first flight bearing mail for the Ryukyu left Minneapolis-St. Paul early on November 18 and arrived in Naha at 8:57 p.m. local time on November 20.

Only Minneapolis Air Mail Field and the St. Paul post office had dispatches on this flight. Both were postmarked November 18, some St. Paul mail by applying the new date over a September 25 cancellation.

Some covers show a Naha backstamp of November 25, five days after arrival. Similar delays on later flights suggest that the Naha postmark was applied not on arrival but when the covers were placed in the mails for return to sender.

No official cachet was prepared, but St. Paul covers received the

ble sitting inside a large quonset hut with mail bags and Okinawans covering the balance of the space." Airmail rates had been set at 8 yen to Japan, 13 to the Philippines and Hawaii, and 16 to the United States. The military B-yen was fixed at 50 to the Dollar, making the U. S. rate the equivalent of 32c.

The number of yen paid in postage was indicated on each envelope, either in manuscript, as "16 yen paid" or just the manuscript figure in the "sen/yen paid" handstamped box. There was confusion in the rates, however. Covers for Manila showed both the 8 and 13y. rates, and covers for the United States are variously marked 13y., 13y. corrected to 16y. or 16y.

Okinawa postal officials are said to have used a piece of rubber from an old inner tube to prepare a cachet designed very much like the boxed "International Air Mail First Flight From Japan 1947" of the year before. It reads "International Air Mail First Flight From Ryukyu" and was applied in purple ink which at times appears almost black.

In addition to the official cachet, Northwest had its own, a red plane and palm tree design against a circle background, with the legend "First Air Mail Flight From Okinawa F.A.M. 28 Northwest Orient Airlines".

This was applied to all company mail and to probably the largest single batch of covers, about 250 prepared in Northwest's Naha office for the late Bernard W. Jacobson, who sent out 260 covers in all.

Americans in Naha expected their covers to go out on Monday March 15, 1948. The first dispatch was made on that date, but it was to the

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A Study Of The 1958-59 Issues Of The Ryukyus

The Ryukyus marked the tenth anniversary of the country's first postage stamp with a "stamps on stamp" design on a 4 yen commemorative issued July 1, 1958. This large multicolored adhesive was issued in sheets of 10.

The change-over to American money in September 1958 called for complete new issues of adhesives and postal stationery. A provisional set of 1/2c to \$1 was printed and issued in mid-September as a general purpose set. The 2 yen single and double Shrine cards surcharged 1 1/2c and the 15y. aerogram surcharged 13c were released along with the set.

Just about this time, an earlier order of reprints of various yen values reached Naha. Among these was a small quantity of the 50 sen (Scott No. 8). There had already been two printings of this stamp in 1950-1, so this made the third printing. (The same is not true of the rest of the set).

This stamp was on sale for only a few days and was sold out even before the deadline arrived for the sale of yen stamps in the Okinawa postoffices. Its gum, paper, and printing are quite different from the earlier issues. Naturally very few were used, but the stamp is not yet.

The other values that were reprinted are still in the postoffice vault. Like the airmails mentioned below, these reprints may be used for surcharging purposes.

In October, the first commemorative stamp in American currency was issued to honor the restoration of Shurei Gate. This large multicolored item comes in sheets of ten with a suitable legend on the selvage. First day covers were cancelled at the site in Shuri and at the Naha post office.

In December, the 1 1/2c Lion Dance New Year stamp was issued in sheets of 50. No special cancellation or cachet was used. About the same time, a 1 1/2c New Year card depicting a toy ball was issued. The year-end Anti-TB seal also came out at this time in perforated and imperforated sheets of 20. These depicted a Dragon Boat race in progress.

The 3c Arbor Week stamp of April 1959 came in sheets of 50. A circular commemorative cancellation was applied to FDC's. The whole activity is for promoting the "make Ryukyu green" movement.

Single and double definitive postcards of 1 1/2c value, depicting a toy horseman, were issued in June without any special markings. These were printed locally to meet urgent needs while waiting for the printing order from Japan.

In July, a 3c Yonaguni moth stamp was issued to mark the holding of an All-Japan Biological Education Conference in Shuri. The

sheets come in 50-stamp format and a commemorative cancel was used.

In August, definitive U. S. S. stamps printed in Japan went on sale. This set of 1/2c to 17c values in regular sheets of 100, will be augmented with additional values in

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Sometime in November, a very small issue of the 13c surcharged on 12y. aerogram was placed on sale. There was no advance notice of this action and the reported quantity of 2000 was soon sold out. About this time, the new 15c aerogram which was printed in Tokyo, arrived. Its design is very similar to that of the 15y. aerogram.

Year-end New Year Anti-TB seals were issued in perforated and imperforated sheets of 20. The violet design depicted artistic Okinawan cloth designs.

Metered mail labels had apparently been in use by the APO's for sometime, but have only recently come to the notice of collectors. Needless to say, an APO meter is a collectible and inexpensive item.

Early in December, the 1 1/2c New Year stamp, a strikingly beautiful toy shield on a brilliant gold background, went on sale.

Designed by Shin Ishigawa and printed in sheets of 50 by the Japan Printing Bureau, it exceeds in beauty any stamp produced in any other part of the world. It has to be seen to be appreciated as photographs cannot reproduce its striking colors. At the same time, the 1 1/2c New Year card depicting a boy riding a carp was issued.

The year 1959 closed on a high note with the announcement by the Ryukyu Philatelic Agency that a new airmail set was due since airmail rates had been changed October 15.

The new rates are 9c to Japan; 14c for Zone I (Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macao, Philippines, Korea); 19c for Zone II (Australia and areas not already named in other zones); 27c for Zone III (U. S. and Canada); and 35c for Zone IV (rest of the world). These rates are for each 10 grams or fraction thereof.

To provide exact values for these rates, the post office announced

the covers were again postmarked on March 17.

The first Pan American dispatch on March 18 arrived in Honolulu on March 19 and covers have been reported with a 9 a.m. March 19 Honolulu backstamp. The plane was scheduled to arrive in San Francisco on March 20.

No exact figures are available on the numbers of covers carried on the first flights out of Okinawa. The Northwest station manager estimated at the time that close to 500 covers were mailed by NWA to all points. Military government records show only 1316 pieces of airmail dispatched from Okinawa during the entire month of March 1948.

(To be concluded)

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During the time only two editors have headed up its publication. William Walters was the first, with L. E. Van Reeth succeeding him in December 1940. Throughout the quarter of a century just closed, many other able and willing RPS members have devoted their time and talents to make the publication highly successful.

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The Cleveland Stamp Club has scheduled its 32nd annual exhibition and bourse for January 30-31 at the Hollenden Hotel, Superior Ave., and E. 6th St., Cleveland, Ohio. There will be 30 frames of guest exhibits in the Court of Honor.

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